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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Garthwaite", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **PATIENT ACCOUNT COMPROMISE REPORT -  
FOURTH QUARTER FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004 - 2005**

Attached is DHS' quarterly report of approved account compromises including the amount of liability reduced and the reasons for such reductions. For the fourth quarter covering April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, total liability reductions were \$2.6 million (31%) and corresponding approved compromise offers were \$5.9 million (69%). Cumulatively, year-to-date liability reductions for FY 2004-05 totaled \$13.1 million (33%) and corresponding approved compromise offers were \$26.8 million (67%).

If you have questions or desire additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**APPROVED PATIENT ACCOUNT COMPROMISES**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2004 - 2005**  
**FOURTH QUARTER**

FACILITY	NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS	APPROVED OFFER OF COMPROMISE	APPROVED TOTAL LIABILITY REDUCTION	REASON(S) FOR COMPROMISE
<b>NORTHEAST AREA</b>				
Hospital	191	\$ 1,878,525	\$ 955,760	One-Hundred-fifty-nine (159) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Nineteen (19) accounts as third-party claims settled.
				Nine (9) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
W/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	Four (4) accounts as patient hardship; other party, not responsible for debt, has agreed to pay.
<b>TOTAL NORTHEAST AREA</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>\$ 1,878,525</b>	<b>\$ 955,760</b>	
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b>				
Hospital	36	\$ 695,677	\$ 249,820	Twenty-eight (28) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Seven (7) accounts as third-party claims settled.
				One (1) account as patient hardship; other party, not responsible for debt, has agreed to pay.
W/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL SOUTHWEST AREA</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$ 695,677</b>	<b>\$ 249,820</b>	
<b>SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA</b>				
Hospital	51	\$ 174,167	\$ 66,139	Thirty-one (31) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Twenty (20) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
W/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$ 174,167</b>	<b>\$ 66,139</b>	
<b>COASTAL AREA</b>				
Hospital	197	\$ 3,105,701	\$ 1,363,530	Eighty-three (83) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Sixty-eight (68) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
				Forty-six (46) accounts as third-party claims settled.
W/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL COASTAL AREA</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>\$ 3,105,701</b>	<b>\$ 1,363,530</b>	
<b>ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA</b>				
Hospital	6	\$ 3,575	\$ 1,625	Six (6) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
W/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>\$ 1,625</b>	
<b>RANCHO LOS AMIGOS</b>				
<b>TOTAL RANCHO LOS AMIGOS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$ 6,387</b>	<b>\$ 6,387</b>	Thirty-One (31) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
<b>FY 04-05 - 2ND. QTR ALL FACILITIES</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>\$ 5,860,457</b>	<b>\$ 2,643,261</b>	
<b>COLLECTION RATIO FY 04-05 - 4TH. QTR ALL FACILITIES</b>			<b>69%</b>	
<b>COLLECTION RATIO FY 04-05 - ALL FACILITIES</b>			<b>67%</b>	<b>COLLECTION RATIO FY 03-04 ALL FACILITIES</b>
				<b>67.2.%</b>